

Thursday evening June 21. 1836

Dear Anne

I left off writing Saturday morning just before Mr Bent called - he & brother Drew - came & we had a very pleasant call - I tried to give him a favorable impression (my own of Mr Bent is this that there is not warmth of soul about him he is agreeable but you do not feel yourself attracted or attached - do - ~~be~~ seal up this letter as soon as you have read it for - it would be a pity he should be made aware of my impressions - after - I dussed & got into an hour & a half to finish the day at Roxbury being almost tired to death - with sweeping & dusting & being fully determined in my own mind to wait for the right person if it were months - former than all will and Mr Grant in great agony at Mr Putnam's sermon - it seems that Mr P. gratuitously - re-anted all that he had formerly said about slavery - went into no arguments - said that he should have no right to do so for that would be discussion - and "it was very unbecoming in us - to meddle in any way



with this matter — "the amount of it was"  
said Mr J. that if we keep the "Providence"  
and Mr. Duffie would settle it some how —  
it rained on the afternoon and I did not  
go out — in the morning went to Mr Putnam's  
he preached very curiously a very elegant &  
laboured discourse — on the difficulty  
of finding Truth the text was about things  
wonderful & high "I cannot attain ther unto"  
— he lamented much the finite nature  
of the human mind which dashes itself  
vainly against the walls of its prison & of  
its ignorance notwithstanding great attain-  
ments — and of the cloud which hampered  
beneath our feet contains modes of life  
& being What took our proudest faculties  
L. & L. — then followed much about birds  
& stars & — then moral truth — & evidence  
to one person not suiting another — & all  
men equally honest — & the difficulty of  
discovering the truly wise right & ex-  
pedient &c — as Maria justly translated  
it when I described the affair to her  
"not only are we at fault in our intom-  
ology — but also our catechize seems  
obscure — — He hardly alluded to God's  
revealed truth — his declared will —  
made up the rest of his sermon with quo-  
tations from Sarton desentus — Mr J. & I both



thought from the sermon that the Rev gentle-  
man's conscience is any thing but quiet -  
— Apt - went to Mr Abbotts heard the  
Kittredge of Groton - pray - & Abbott Preach  
both dull - Called at the Spears - they  
have got a nice Baby - & named it -  
Caroline Weston! - Our cat! in the  
evening went to see Buileys found him  
hardly knowing whether to laugh or  
cry over the fly mn book - but on the  
whole laughing - he said that they  
had declined to have no notices of any  
kind read at his church until the Civil  
port gets back - he tried to defend this  
conduct & we had a battle - he had  
the worst & know it -

he went home with me -  
Monday morning came in town, found  
rain - nothing happened except I got  
a girl - whiter than snow & a beauty  
- Providence says he has come through  
Miss Baker of Dorchester - I think I shall  
like her - Tuesday - a hard rain all  
day - busy settling accounts - & packing  
away papers & letters - this evening wrote  
a long letter to <sup>Mr</sup> Garrison - (you in sleepers)

Wednesday 22<sup>d</sup> June Gray has been rather more  
pleasant - after school this morning called  
at Maria's when I met Ann Chapman  
she had been at the rooms - letters from



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Rhode Island spoke of Groy as in a  
state of great insubordination - Theodore  
could not get <sup>the</sup> place to lecture in - &  
when he did at West Groy I think they  
tried to drag him from the pulpit & stop  
him with his mercy - but his friends sur-  
rounded him & he was safe - Henry  
Stanton had obeyed the call of the com-  
mittee of the New York Legislature &  
hurried back from Groy - to assist at New-  
port - but he was obliged to give over and  
now his sick at Providence - He would  
refused to leave Groy though much urged  
to go to Newport - He could not he said  
when Troy was subdued - & there he is as  
it still - the R.I. folks have sent for  
Mr Child & he has gone to do the legal  
part of the business - & his wife remains  
in the interim in Boston - Garrison is  
to be at Newport - & Phelps -

Mr Child was with Maria part of the  
morning - & Ch & I went to see her  
this afternoon at Miss Sargent's - heard  
all to go there tomorrow - to tea - Mrs  
S. sends much love to you & says that  
she likes you best of us - & Mr Child says  
this because of your superior littleness  
- she told us lots of things good stories  
&c. - Eliza Living called to day. & John  
Owen this evening Benjamin for Aunt  
Mary - no one else - the Barry moves  
are going to move to Market Street -  
there is a great ~~part~~ of boys of the free  
in the advocate -